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Happy New Year

Our next meeting will be February
14, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the
Whortlekill Rod and Gun Club.

**Your Post needs your
help. Contact
Commander
Neil Klock at 845-227-**

The real leader has no need to
lead--
he is content to point the way.
Henry Miller

**On November 18, 2011 a couple
of members got together at Jim
Reynolds' house to disassemble,
clean and lubricate our new
ceremonial M1's. Thanks to
Norm Dauerer for the
instructions and Jim, Joe Ryan,
and Dan Briscoe for their work.
John Pizzuti had spent
considerable time prior to the
workshop fixing and add finish**

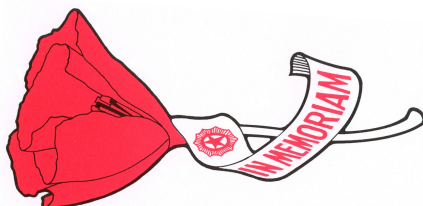


Important: At our February meeting Norm will be giving instructions and demonstrating how to load and fire our new M1's. It would be great to have a large audience so as many members as possible are familiar with the rifle when we participate in Honor Guards and parades.

The VA offers a wide array of special programs and initiatives specifically designed to help homeless veterans live as self-sufficiently and independently as possible. Call 877-424-3838

On December 28, 2011 we were contacted by McHoul's Funeral Home to see if we would be able to perform a ceremony on the 29th for Charles Blacknick - who was is a member of the American Legion in Manhattan for more then 55 years and had a summer home in East Fishkill for many years. it was extremely important to his daughters that there be representation from the American Legion at his funeral. Dispite the last minute notification our Post was able to have 6 members attend. Thanks to Commander Klock, John Pizzuit, Vinny Richards, Norm Dauerer, Joe Ryan, Dan Oberhauser, and Dan Briscoe. It's what we do!

We received a nice Thank You Letter from Castle Point for \$250 we donated to their Food Bank in time for Thanksgiving.



In preparation for Memorial Day our order for Poppy's has been placed and we are waiting shipment.



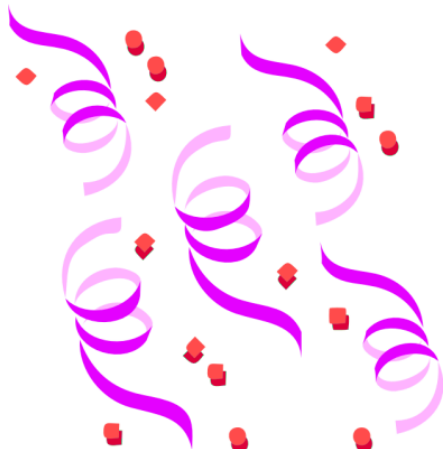
We were recently presented with a United States Flag that flew over the Kandahar Air Base in Afghanistan. Many Thanks to Lt. Commander John Ashburn of Hopewell Jct. who is in the process of joining our Post.

Special Notice: If you are a veteran in emotional crisis and need help **RIGHT NOW**, call this toll-free number **1-800-273-8255**, available 24/7, and tell them you are a veteran. All calls are confidential.



Castle Point is always looking for volunteers in a variety of positions. Call (845) 831-2000

Living space available for Veteran in need. *Do you know a homeless Veteran? Commander Klock has room in his home and is willing to take in a Veteran. Contact Neil at 845-227-6091*



Saturday evening, December 17th the Post enjoyed a nice Christmas Dinner at Anthony's Catering. The crowd was a little smaller than usual but the camaraderie was fantastic. Plenty of good food and friends.

Good Of The Legion:

Fred Lohrfink's name was pulled for the Pot Of Gold Drawing. Unfortunately Fred was not present at the meeting so the total amount was added to the Pot Of Gold fund. The Pot is now at \$255.00.



Our condolences go out to Catherine and Evert Munning, both members of our post, for the loss of their son, Gary, in an accident.

No parent should have to endure such pain.

San Diego, CA (January 2nd, 2012) – A total of 50 San Diego College students and recent graduates were led by various volunteer contractors devoted approximately 24 hours of labor to restore the home of disabled Purple Heart recipient Marine Veteran, Sgt. Jason Swofford on Saturday, December 10th, 2011. The ongoing mission was part of the San Diego nonprofit, Embrace Healing Our Heroes' Homes (H3) program. Sgt. Swofford no longer has full usage of his right arm and suffers from mental trauma as a result of an explosion while serving in Afghanistan in 2009.

Over \$30,000 worth of labor, donated materials/supplies and purchased materials/supplies went towards the restoration, resulting in a better quality of life for the disabled marine veteran. Sgt. Swofford's house now features retrofit/green windows, a remodeled kitchen with marble countertops, garbage disposal and cast iron sink, tile backsplash, new cabinets with new pantry for easier access for Sgt. Swofford, along with marble tile flooring in both bathrooms, a completely remodeled shower in the master bedroom with ADA railings, modern plumbing, and functioning electrical outlets. The exterior of the house is newly landscaped; featuring new rain gutters installed and painted eaves.

With key investors coming to the table, Embrace plans to restore at least 24 homes in Southern California and Arizona in 2012. With a goal to restore the homes of low-income, disabled veteran homeowners, H3 falls in line with Embrace's mission to mobilize college student volunteers of different background and ethnicities to serve less fortunate members of civilian and veteran communities. Efforts like H3 demonstrate that people can work together in harmony on a regular basis, despite our differences, for a common cause.